

# Graduate Faculty Council

## MINUTES

February 17, 2005

Whetten Graduate Center, Room 200

2:30 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M.
2. The Graduate Faculty Council (GFC) made a motion, which was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2004 meeting as distributed.
3. GFC elected J. Garry Clifford and Emilio Pagoulatos to another term on the Graduate Faculty Council Executive Committee.
4. The GFC previously approved that if courses were renumbered, the 5000 level would be used for “entry-level and intermediate graduate courses” and the 6000 level would be used for “advanced graduate courses.” Thus it could be assumed that most courses taken during the first two years of graduate study (which would include most MS level courses) would be at the 5000 level.

A member of the Faculty Senate asked how courses in the clinical doctorate programs should be numbered. They need an answer by their March meeting.

Clinical doctorates include Au.D., Pharm.D. and DPT. Generally the programs offer at least 2 years of course work beyond the BS or 4 years of undergraduate work and then intensive clinical experiences. They are generally certified nationally.

The GFC recommended this **motion**, which was **seconded** and **passed unanimously**:

Courses in clinical doctorate programs generally should be numbered at the 5000 level.

GFC also recommended that Faculty Senate representatives speak to the Health Center about the numbering of their courses because some of these courses are taken by students at Storrs. UPDATE: This has occurred already.

GFC also noted that currently graduate students are allowed to take no more than 6 credits of undergraduate work at the 200 level. Departments should probably number courses used in that way at the 4000 level – i.e. advanced undergraduate level.

5. GFC made the following **motion**. It was **seconded** and **passed unanimously** on a voice vote.

It is recommended that the degrees of Master of Arts, Master of Business Administration, Master of Dental Science, Master of Engineering, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Music, Master of Professional Studies, Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Health, Master of Science, Master of Social Work, Doctor of Audiology, Doctor of Education, Doctor of Musical Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy be

conferred on those candidates who have satisfied all requirements and have been duly certified by the Graduate School for award of said degrees throughout the conferral periods ending in May, August, and December 2005.

6. Sam Miller, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, and Adam Rabinowitz, President of Graduate Student Senate Association, presented information on graduate student housing both on and off campus. Materials that might be useful in recruiting graduate students were distributed. \*
7. Counseling Services has prepared a brochure on Career Planning for graduate students and are presenting Graduate LUNCH and LEARN Seminars on interviewing, etc. Brochures were distributed and faculty were urged to encourage their graduate students to attend these seminars. \*

\*Materials will be mailed to GFC Members not in attendance.

8. Dr. Greger reviewed the NSF Institution Profile from the Survey of Earned Doctorates 2003. Nationally 41% of students, receiving a PhD., graduate with no debt while at the University of Connecticut 59% of doctoral graduates have no debt. This information could be used as a recruiting point with all applicants to graduate school.
9. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Present:

Representative: William Abikoff, Gregory J. Anderson, Janet Barnes-Farrell, Thomas Blank, J. Garry Clifford, Metin Cosgel, Sylvain De Guise, Gerald Dunne, Arthur Engler, Paulo Goes, Ronald Langner, Maria Luz Fernandes, Joseph Madaus, Ludo Max, Richard McAvoy, Sally McBrearty, Thomas Miller, Emilio Pagoulatos, Adam Rabinowitz, Eric Schultz, Joan Segal, Alexander Shvartsman, Philip Streifer, Glenn Warner

Alternates: Mark Aindow, Wendy Glenn, Vicki Robinson, Kisha Tracy

Substitutes: Robert Cromley, Ranjan Srivastava, Lei Wang,

Graduate School: Janet L. Greger, James Henkel